

Tuesday night and we could not work Wednesday night, as we had planned to do, because of functions. Now we have lost, I think, 2 hours this morning that we could have used constructively.

I would simply say that at 4 o'clock this afternoon, for the information of the whole Senate, there will be a memorial service for the late, great Cece Zorinsky, the wife of the late great Senator from Nebraska, Senator Edward Zorinsky, in Senate Dirksen G-50, generally called the Senate auditorium. This Senator will make that affair whether I have to miss votes and abandon my responsibilities here.

But I would just inquire at this time, following that memorial service, we have some time between 5 and 6, I believe—and I want to attend that—the salute to Senator DOLE, which I think has been arranged by the acting majority leader and the minority leader, TOM DASCHLE. I would just like to inquire. I see the chairman of committee is here, also. We have an awful lot of interruptions, and I do not want to add to them. The only interruption I am suggesting is that one that I intend to carry out that I committed to a long, long time ago.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, if I could just respond briefly, the Senator has enumerated some of the problems we have been trying to deal with, and we will try to accommodate as many Senators as we can. We have very, very legitimate things to do. We had the memorial, as you know, for Admiral Boorda. We wanted to do that, and we certainly appreciate the Senator's feeling about Cece Zorinsky. That is what has been involved. We are just trying to accommodate everybody's schedule. I am finding out more and more. It gets pretty complicated.

Your point is well taken. We will continue to try to work with everybody, particularly the managers of the bill. We had some complications, and we did check with the leader. I realize it was late last night, but, again, we are just trying to help everybody.

Mr. EXON. You checked with the leader?

Mr. LOTT. Yes, sir. I believe we did. Mr. EXON. I would simply say for the public that you checked with the Democratic leader.

Mr. LOTT. Yes.

Mr. EXON. The Democrat leader would have properly talked to me. He did not. I will talk to him about that.

Mr. LOTT. In his defense, we did it at the last minute, and maybe there just was not enough time or he could not find out. I do not know. But, again, we are just trying to accommodate everybody.

You and the chairman have done a great job trying to move this. It has been slow, but there have been a lot of interruptions that we just could not avoid. We want to keep the heat on today so that we can get through, hopefully, by 4 o'clock. If we could get started voting here right quick, maybe we could make it by 4 o'clock or 4:15 p.m. I would like to help you do that.

Mr. EXON. Let us seek the miracle.

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, if the Senator will yield just for the briefest of questions, I do not want to delay things, I say to Senator DOMENICI, but could the Senator indicate to us, if we finish these blocks of votes on this issue, what is anticipated on the Senate schedule beyond this issue?

Mr. LOTT. Beyond the budget resolution?

Mr. DORGAN. Yes.

Mr. LOTT. We are working on that. We will be communicating with the Democratic leadership. Senator DOLE will be here later this afternoon. We are looking at several items that could be done. We hope we can get those worked out and do them in a way so that they would not involve votes this afternoon. But the leader will be back. He will be here shortly, and he will comment on that.

I yield the floor, Mr. President.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, leader time is reserved.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now resume consideration of Senate Concurrent Resolution 57, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 57) setting forth the congressional budget for the U.S. Government for fiscal years 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002.

The Senate resumed consideration of the concurrent resolution.

Pending:

Harkin (for Specter) amendment No. 4012, to restore funding for education, training, and health programs to a Congressional Budget Office freeze level for fiscal year 1997 through an across the board reduction in Federal administrative costs.

Bumpers amendment No. 4014, to eliminate the defense firewalls.

Thompson amendment No. 3981, to express the sense of the Senate on the funding levels for the Presidential Election Campaign Fund.

Murkowski amendment No. 4015, to prohibit sense of the Senate amendments from being offered to the budget resolution.

Simpson (for Kerrey) amendment No. 4016, to express the sense of the Senate on long term entitlement reforms.

Chafee/Breaux amendment No. 4018, in the nature of a substitute.

Feingold amendment No. 3969, to eliminate the tax cut.

Domenici (for McCain) amendment No. 4022, to express the sense of the Senate regarding Spectrum auctions and their effect on the integrity of the budget process.

Domenici (for Faircloth) amendment No. 4023, to express the sense of the Senate that any comprehensive legislation sent to the President that balances the budget by a certain date and that includes welfare reform provisions shall also contain to the maximum extent possible a strategy for reducing the rate of out-of-wedlock births and encouraging family formation.

Exon (for Roth) amendment No. 4025, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the funding of Amtrak.

Domenici amendment No. 4027 (to amendment No. 4012), to adjust the fiscal year 1997 non-defense discretionary allocation to the Appropriation Committee by \$5 billion in budget authority and \$4 billion in outlays to sustain 1996 post-OCRA policy.

Mr. DOMENICI addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New Mexico.

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I do want to say to my friend, Senator EXON, and other Senators who might have heard my comments yesterday about when we would meet today, it was not in the form of a unanimous-consent request, but I did intend and say to the Senator that we would start at 10. Actually, by the time the unanimous consent was proposed by our acting majority leader, forces beyond the Senator from New Mexico and Senator EXON went to work on it and it came out 12 o'clock, so I am very sorry about that. I had nothing to do with it, and I could not have prevented it, and I am not complaining. It is just that is the way it worked out.

Mr. President, I understand, and I think Senator EXON agrees, that the next amendment we are going to take up would be the Bumpers amendment. That is 4014 which would abolish the firewalls.

Mr. EXON. I say to my friend, we will get Senator BUMPERS here. It was our understanding—and maybe once again we missed communications—that the Senator from New Mexico was going to have an amendment.

Mr. DOMENICI. We are going to set aside for a while Specter-Harkin and my second-degree amendment, with the Senator's concurrence.

Mr. EXON. Yes. We are setting aside the amendment that we originally had informally intended to bring up. Is that right?

Mr. DOMENICI. I assume so. I am not sure we had, but nonetheless we can go to anyone that is ready. If Senator BUMPERS can get here—

Mr. EXON. In view of the fact that the schedule has been changed without anybody's false intention, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

Mr. DOMENICI. I agree.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

AMENDMENT NO. 4012, AS MODIFIED

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that I be permitted to modify my second-degree amendment in the form of technical changes to be considered when the Senate considers amendment 4012.

Mr. EXON. We have no objection.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DOMENICI. I send the modification to the desk.